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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN USNATO

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN USNATO. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

I. STRENGTHENING OF THE US-EUROPEAN MILITARY AND
POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP.

-- CONVEY TO THE ALLIES A FIRM SENSE OF US COMMITMENT
TO WESTERN DEFENSE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NATO
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STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND FORWARD DEFENSE.

-- STRENGTHEN ALLIED PERCEPTION OF NATO'S ROLE IN
DETERRING SOVIET MILITARY AND POLITICAL PRESSURE
AND NATO'S ROLE IN PROVIDING THE MECHANISM FOR
MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING ALLIED COHESION
WHICH UNDERLY THIS DETERRENT CAPACITY.

-- SEEK TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN ALLIED DEFENSE EFFORTS, IN PARTICULAR, FULL EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVES CALLED FOR BY THE PRESIDENT AT THE LONDON SUMMIT AND ALLIED ATTAINMENT OF THE THREE PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN DEFENSE RESOURCES IN REAL TERMS AS CALLED FOR BY THE LAST DPC.

-- PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCING US POSITIONS IN CONSULTATIONS IN THE COUNCIL AND OTHER NATO BODIES, TAKING ALLIED VIEWS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT; THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT ON EAST-WEST ISSUES, INCLUDING MBFR, SALT, AND OTHER ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, THE CSCE, AS WELL AS ON ISSUES OF INTEREST OUTSIDE OF EUROPE.

-- ADVANCE THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF GREATER STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY.

-- PREPARE A SOLID BASIS FOR THE PROJECTED SPRING 1978 NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, SO THAT IT WILL UNDERSCORE THE UTILITY AND STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE.

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-- ENCOURAGE TIMELY AND CONSTRUCTIVE US CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEFENSE INITIATIVES, SO THAT WE PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP FOR REALISTIC PROGRAMS.

-- CONTRIBUTE TO AND DIRECT THE CURRENT NATO STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS TO ADVANCE COMMON ALLIED UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SITUATION.

-- MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS EFFORT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO AND US POLICY GOALS.

II. MAINTENANCE OF NATO'S INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND EASING OF TENSIONS AMONG NATO MEMBERS.

-- ENCOURAGE AND GIVE LEADERSHIP TO ALLIANCE CONSIDERATION OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO WHEN SPAIN IS READY, AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPOSE THE SPANISH TO ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES.

-- DEVELOP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AD HOC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE ON ALLIANCE POLITICAL AND SECURITY MATTERS, INCLUDING THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS, AND OTHER AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST.

-- HANDLE THE DISCUSSION OF GREEK AND TURKISH ISSUES SO AS TO MINIMIZE FRICTION BETWEEN THESE TWO ALLIES; ASSUAGE TURKISH DISCONTENT, AND PROMOTE PROGRESS ON REINTEGRATION OF GREECE INTO THE MILITARY STRUCTURE PENDING RESOLUTION OF BROADER GREECE-TURKEY-US PROBLEM.

-- CONTINUE TO CHANNEL FRG POWER IN THE NATO STRUCTURE, WHILE AVOIDING ANY SEMBLANCE OF A
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SPECIAL WASHINGTON-BONN RELATIONSHIP.

-- WORK TO DEVELOP A MORE STRINGENT AND COST EFFECTIVE NATO SALARY AND EMOLUMENT SCHEDULE WITHIN A MORE EFFECTIVE STAFF STRUCTURE.

-- BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE THROUGH VISITS, EXERCISES, AND OTHER GESTURES, NATO'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE NORTHERN REGION AND SENSITIVITY AND CONCERN OF SCANDINAVIAN ALLIES.

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